

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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For: CALCIUM CHANNEL INHIBITORS
COMPRISING BENZHYDRIL SPACED FROM
PIPERAZINE

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Examiner: Benjamin J. Packard

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 7 January 2009, time for response to which was set to expire 7 April 2009. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-15, 19-28 and 30 were rejected, while claims 16, 29 and 31 were objected to but indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form. Respectfully, claims 16 and 29 are already in independent form and claim 31 is dependent only from claim 29. Therefore, it is believed that these claims are in a position for immediate allowance. As to the remaining rejections, the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.